'Change needed at CUSA'

Commerce split 'jeopardizes' voice

by Andy Riga

The unified voice of Concordia students would be jeopardized if commerce students decide to form their own student association next week, says CUSA co-president Andrew Madsen.

CUSA must remain the voice of all Concordia students and should not allow itself to become an empty shell whose only purpose is to dole out money to independent groups, he said.

"The whole point of CUSA is to have one voice that speaks for all students," Madsen said. "That way the university and the government will listen to us."

"We don't want CUSA to become just a bank giving out money to different groups," he said.

The Commerce and Administration Students Association (CASA) will hold a referendum next week in an effort to form an independent association that would collect its own fees.

Currently, CUSA is the central governing body which collects the $1.60 per credit fee paid by all students except those in the engineering and computer science faculty. Representing about 22,000 students, CUSA is responsible for deciding how the fee is spent. It also appoints students representatives to the university board of governors and senate.

But CASA complains that commerce students have no voice as part of the large association and should have control over their policies and finances.

"CUSA does need change," Madsen admitted, "we know that. At the beginning of our mandate we started talking about changing CUSA, talking about departmental involvement."

He said faculty associations like CASA are in touch with what is going on in the individual faculties and already have input in CUSA.

"If (CASA) leaves, it's going to be a weakening of the student association," Madsen said.

But according to CASA president Derrick Ajmo, his association does not want to destroy CUSA.

"Win or lose, we still want to be part of CUSA, part of the university," Ajmo said. "We do need a CUSA, we need a decentralized CUSA with more representation of students."

He said students are disenchanted with CUSA because it is not representative and the association's co-presidents wield too much power. He also feels commerce students are not getting their fair share of the

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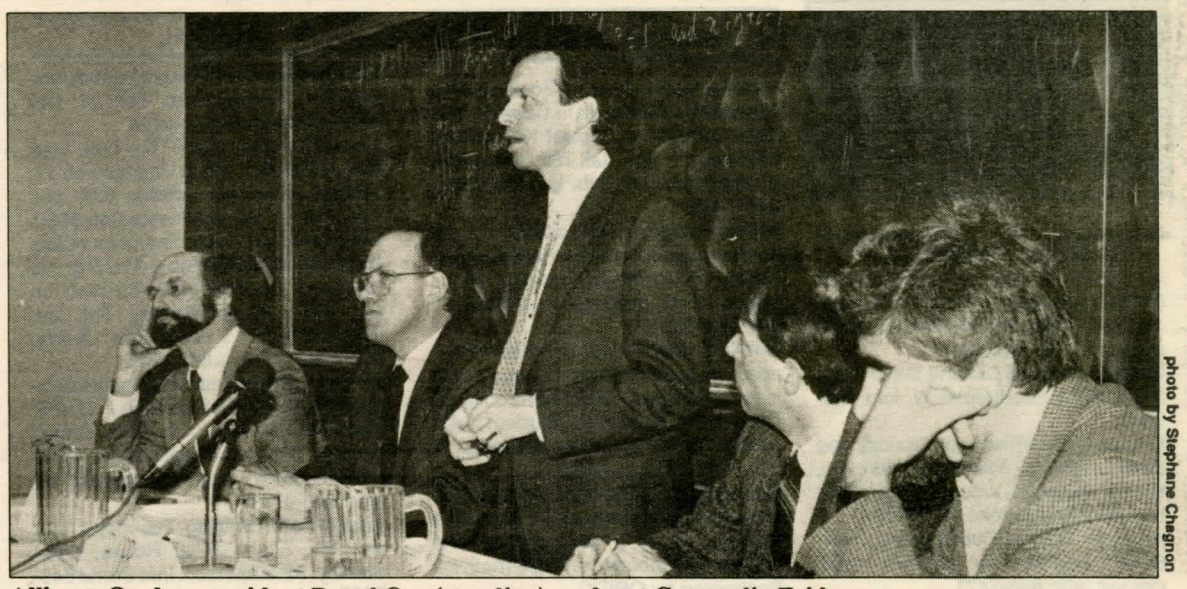

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Alliance Quebec president Royal Orr (standing) spoke at Concordia Friday.

Orr dismisses Nazi comparisons

by Mike Orsini

What began as an academic discussion about Quebec nationalism at Concordia Friday erupted into a fierce exchange between Alliance Quebec president Royal Orr and a student who compared Quebec to Nazi Germany.

"Did you ever hear of Aryanization?" the student asked. "Now we have 'Francisization.'"

Although the audience was warned "no personal attacks" against the panelists would be tolerated, the student blasted Orr for failing to protect Quebec's anglophones from what he described as Bill 101's fascist nature.

Orr, who has become the centre of controversy since two Montreal media outlets targeted him as the suspect in the recent firebombing of Alliance Quebec's headquarters, reacted to the student's comments by jumping from his seat.

"I find that a repellant statement to suggest that this society in Quebec is a fascist state," Orr said. "Anybody that gets up and starts calling people Nazis or fascists is part of the problem, not the solution."

"It was only the nationalists who had the guts to stand up and say that fundamental democratic rights are at stake," he said."Where were the federalists?"

The discussion organized by the School for Community and Public Affairs featured four other panelists; president of Le Mouvement Quebec Francais, Guy Bouthillier; Henry Milner, founder of the Quebec Anglophone Sovereignty Association; McGill psychology professor Don Taylor; and Gerard Pelletier, a representative of Quebec's francophone business community.

Orr said that before Premier Robert Bourassa came to power in 1985, anglophones were making some progress with the language issue in Quebec. However, when Premier Bourassa returned to office, hope faded for both for francophones and anglophones, he said.

"In three years of power, he (Bourassa) has done absolutely nothing to promote the French language," Orr said. "I know it's easy to dump on politicians, but they deserve it."

He also feels that unless francophones are secure and confident in their culture, they will never begin to hear anglophones' concerns.

McGill's Taylor said Bill 101 was a good way to make anglophones learn French. But he feels the government must now soften its stance on the law to make anglophones feel they have a place in Quebec's French-dominated society.

"Those who engineered Bill 101 were busy reading psychology books. The idea is to change peoples' attitude and their behaviour will follow," he said.

"Force people to do something, then back off. Bill 101 forced and didn't back off."

According to Pelletier, spokesman for the francophone business community, Quebec must favour an economic form of nationalism that will promote wealth for all nationalities within the province.

"Quebec nationalism is a nationalism of openness," he said.

"We're here to work together. We must compete on an international level and reap benefits for everyone within the province regardless of linguistic or ethnic origin."

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Board seats acclaimed

Record number of prez slates

by Scott McCulloch

Concordia students will choose from a record nine slates when they go to the polls Feb. 14, 15 and 16 to elect next year's CUSA co-presidents and board of directors.

Chief returning officer Robert Douglas cited improved publicity for this year's record number of slates — an increase of seven from last year's election.

"I'm not åsurprized," said Douglas, "because (the campaign) was better publicized there were more candidates this year. There are more ads, and lots of posters this year."

Of the 28 board of directors' seats, 20 were filled by acclamation and eight vacancies remain.

Only two of the eight available seats were filled in the commerce and administration faculty. Engineering and computer science also remain two seats shy of their three seat capacity.

All seats in both arts and science (fourteen) and the fine arts faculties (eight) are filled.

CUSA's board of directors will have to decide on a date for a by-election to fill the eight vacancies, according to Douglas, who expects it to occur in March.

Douglas said vacant board positions were "normal" and had nothing to do with the record number of candidates running for co-president.

"At the presidential level, input is more direct," Douglas said. "Board members make the legislation, but it is up to the co- presidents to act in carrying out policy."

Last year 21 of 28 board positions were filled by acclamation and voter turnout was the lowest in recent memory. Only five per cent of Concordia students took to the polls — down by two per cent from the previous year.

The election process was started earlier this year to avoid a repeat of last year's election fiascowhich was marred by problems, including a lack of publicity, a short nomination period and student representitives who called for a boycott.

A referendum question is also on this year's ballot. Students will be asked whether they are in favour of a 20-cent per credit student association fee increase.

photo by Edward Davey

Buildings on Sherbrooke St. between Bishop and Crescent are being gutted to make way for a new section of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

AGENDA

The Agenda is a FREE service to publicise Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office in room 649 in the Hall Building, or mail it in, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for Tuesday's issue, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's paper.

TUESDAY JANUARY 31

Central America Committee meeting- 4:15 pm, P 203, 2020 Mackay. Films & speakers, info 848-7410.
OPEN READING Librarie sur le Parc, 8 pm, 5504 Sherbrooke W, info 488-7731.
Francois Gauthier, percussion, and others; works by Mather, Hambraeus, Steiner, Kulesha, Adler, 8 pm, Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W, FREE.
Amateur Radio Club meeting, Hall-644-1, Register for amateur radio classes, info 848-7421.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Campus Ministry Open House, noon-6 pm, Annex Z, 2090 Mackay.
The Media Matrix, Scott Eastham, 4:15 pm, Bryan 209, Loyola. Sponsored by Dept. of Communication Studies
Juvenile Delinquency- South-East Asian perspective(in French), 7-10 pm, 4917 St Urbain, students $3. info 288-7229- Monchanin Cross-Cultural Centre.
Refugee Sponsorship Group, 7:30 pm, Belmore House, 3500 Belmore Ave, Loyola.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2

The Social and Political Position of the Present Day Mohawk in Canada, with John Curotte, asst. chief Kahnawake Mohawks. 3 pm, Hall 762, sponsored by the Sparklers Club. Info 933-2831/ 848-7422.
Hindu Religion Association of Concordia inaugural meeting- people interested in learning/discussing Hindu religion & its philosophy welcome. 3 pm, Hall-333-6
Public Enquiries and Bioethics in Canada, with John Williams, Lonergan College, 4-5:30 pm, 7302 Sherbrooke W.
Concordia Armenian Student's Association wine & cheese reception, 7 pm, H-762, info: 848-3541
Waste Management as if the Future Mattered- Paul Connett (St.Lawrence College, N.Y.) 8 pm, H-110. The Montreal incinerator and alternatives. Sponsored by QPIRG.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3

Open House-Faculty of Fine Arts display: :30am-1 pm, Dance, Music & theatre at Loyola. Visual Arts display: 2-7 pm, Sir George, VA Building, 1395 Rene-Levesque W. Info 848-4612
Women's Centre of Montreal Tea, celebrating 16 successful years, 3585 St Urbain, 1 pm, Info 842-1067.
Coffee House with the Lesbian & Gay Friends of Concordia, 8-midnight, 2060 Mackay, 2nd floor. 50¢ cover- tea also available. Info 848-7414.

GENERAL

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Info Nancy DeGraff 848-7474 (message)
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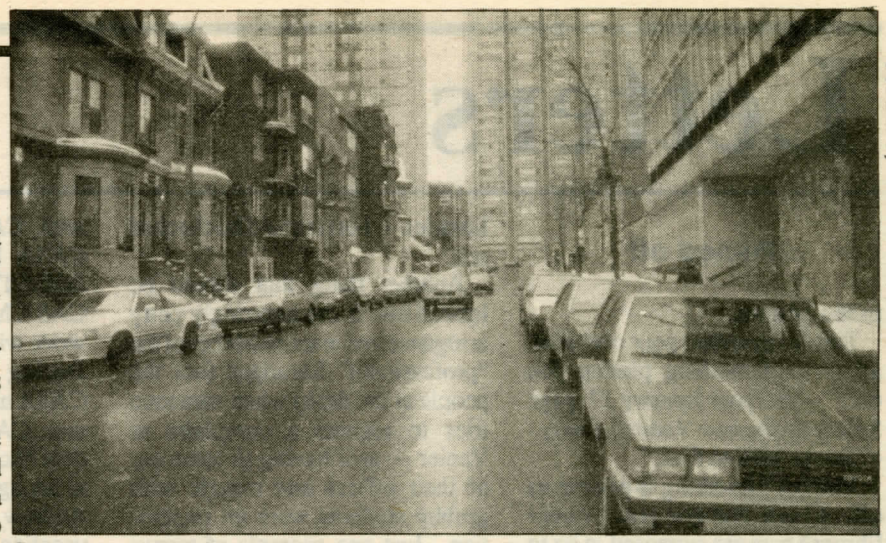


Some urban studies students want MacKay Street turned into green space.
photo by Ita Kendall

by Louise Gagnon

A group of Concordia students is taking the first step towards creating a greener downtown campus.

The team of urban studies students has been working since last summer on a plan that would see MacKay Street closed off between Sherbrooke St. and de Maisonneuve Blvd.

"This idea has been kicking around for a few years now," said urban studies student Doug Raphael.

"The idea is to give some much-needed open space to Concordia. It would enhance the identity of the Sir George Williams campus and integrate the university."

The group hopes to get the university and the municipal government to approve of their plan which would have MacKay Street closed in stages.

First, the university would place flower pots and benches in the chained-off area on Concordia property. The group then proposes to establish a ramp on the east side of Mackay Street that would provide easy access onto the sidewalk for the disabled.

"Many people are stuck weaving through cars," he said. "You won't have to jump over bumpers to get across the street."

The second stage would be the permanent closing of the street.

Hemani Farias, CUSA's vice-president student life, said the proposal will probably be approved at the next CUSA board of directors meeting. If approved, the proposal would then go to the university's highest decision-making body, the board of governors.

Raphael believes the city will eventually pass the proposal because it wants more greenspace downtown.

"It would be in the city's best interest," Raphael said. "They're constantly trying to beautify the streets."

Farias wants the administration to approve the plan as soon as possible so that funds will be earmarked for next year's budget.

He said a large part of funding will probably come from the city."

"With the university and students pushing for it, I think the city would approve the plan because there is very little greenspace downtown," Farias said.

Third year political science student Ken Johnston said closing the street would be a good idea.

"In that area, there isn't that much green space," he said. "It would give the university more of a campus feeling."

Morty White, a first year engineering student, was also enthusiastic.

"What an incredible idea!" he said. "It'll get rid of traffic and provide a relaxing space to skip classes in the summer."

Loneliness problem for foreign students

by Annie Seattle

Loneliness and difficulty adapting top a list of problems for international students attending Concordia.

"When I first got here, I hated every minute of it because I didn't know a soul, and I'll never forget how lonely that first month was," said an American student studying at Concordia.

"I got into a very bad living situation right from the start. Then I had problems with the Canadian Immigration Department.

"I just wanted to give up and go home. But then, things got better as time progressed."

Almost 800 international students are enrolled at the university. According to a Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) survey of 3,000 foreign students studying at Canadian universities:

- Loneliness was the number one problem, with 45 per cent of the respondants citing it as a "big problem."
- 17 per cent suggested that stress was their "big problem."
- 49 per cent considered it "somewhat of a problem."
- Foreign students encountered "a lot of red tape" which they considered a continual source of irritation.
- Income provided a source of concern for students who sit beside other students who pay one-tenth of what they pay.

"International students generally had a positive view but there were significant things they had problems with," said Colin Stewart, executive assistant of planning and research at the CBIE.

"Granted they don't pay taxes, but other countries don't even charge foreign students such as France," he added. "International students are not well off but they aren't running out of money and starving."

According to Concordia Dean of Students Brian Counihan, language and cultural differences are at the root of loneliness and difficulties adapting to Canadian society.

Mary Mar, an academic councillor with the university's Guidance Services, said international students need a support system among themselves because they are often isolated.

"They don't talk enough to others and they don't know where to turn to."

She said foreign students are under enormous pressure to perform well at university, especially when there is great financial sacrifice from family members back home. Some students who don't know how to write papers or reports may feel too intimidated to ask a professor for help.

"Failure to meet high standards can be particularly discouraging for international students," Mar said. "In some cultures, student-teacher interaction is not customary."

Concordia's Guidance Services offer a wide range of tutorials and workshops to help international students and Mar encourages them to use these resources.

Stewart also suggested the government allow students to bring their families to Canada to fight feelings of isolation.

Forcign students are "extremely beneficial to Canada as Canada tries to establish links with other countries" and the country must make sure they take a positive experience back home, he added.

Although most international students experience difficulty adjusting at first, some seem to have an easier time than others.

Concordia student Shafinaz Mohamad Saad said she misses her friends and family back home in Malaysia, but adapting to university life "was not much of a problem."

She said the education she received in Malaysia has enabled her to be familiarized with the system and culture even before she arrived in Canada.

As a practising Muslim, she said people have expressed curiosity about her attire, but she has had little problem interracting with others. "I have lots of Canadian friends," she said.

with files from CUP

Members bored?

CUSA board losing interest

by Chris Heald

Members of CUSA's board of directors seem to have lost interest in their work.

Threats of impeachment flew last Tuesday as this semester's second board meeting was cancelled when only 12 of 28 members showed up. This year's first meeting also had to be called off.

"The only responsibility a student on the board of directors has is to show up at meetings," said CUSA co-president Nick Woollard.

"If you estimate that meetings take place only once a month, this means that a student only has to put in only 36 hours a year."

Although members attendance has been "forever a problem," Woollard said this month's cancelled meetings were particularly serious because they come weeks before the upcoming CUSA elections.

Currently board members can face impeachment if they miss a total of seven meetings. On average 15 board members have been attending meetings this year. Quorum is 14.

"We're planning changes to the constitution to speed up the process of impeachment for people who are absent to often," Woollard said. "By the time a director is up for impeachment, (the term) is essentially finished."

The new policy would speed up impeachment procedures and "hopefully will have some sort of an effect on getting people to go to meetings," he said.

Arts and science board member Haytham Yahya said apathy is at the root of the problem.

"Too many board of directors members are ignoring the very important mandate given to them by the students," Yahya said.

"The whole problem comes down to apathy. If more students were interested in student politics then we would have better people running for positions and attendance wouldn't be a problem."

Although average attendance at meetings has been 15 of 28 members, the chair of the board, Scott White, said attendance at meetings is still not a serious problem.

"There hasn't been an ongoing problem with quorum, just the last two meetings," White said. "I don't think there's any major problems, just a lack of organization."

Marathon dunking

photo by Ita Kendall

Since 6:20 p.m. yesterday, Sylvain "Nerf" Leduc has been throwing baskets in the Hall building lobby to raise money for physically abused children. He hopes to set a world record of 66 consecutive hours of nerf ball throwing and at the same time raise money to build a home for the battered children.

Letters

Pissed off

to the editors,

This is regarding your classified ad -- "Is something pissing you off?" -- and your January 17, page 5 story on the new Vanier Library -- "Books hard to find."

You bet something is pissing us off. Check this one out: Vanier library hours are supposed to be to midnight Mondays through Thursdays, to 8 p.m. on Fridays and to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays. So why, on some nights, do the guards announce, about 40 - 50 minutes early, that the library will be closing in 10 minutes — in other words, cutting about a half hour to 40 minutes off your study time?

They flick the lighting on and off. They hustle everyone out. And when questioned they say they need the time to turn off the lights and lock up.

Is the library therefore being run for the convenience of the guards? Or is this lame excuse just another sly way of cutting library services?

It may not seem so, but this lost time is important — especially to those of us who work in the afternoon and can only get to the library late at night. If this is the only time you have available and you're then asked to leave the library shortly after 11 p.m., it's just one more hassle you have to deal with — in addition to shortened circulation hours and other curtailed services, not to mention the inconveniences you listed in your article.

Being generous, we can accept Joseph Princz's excuse in your article that these present inconveniences are a result of the chaotic construction schedule. But this chopping of a half hour of library access time can hardly be attributed to the construction problems because the same situation existed at the old Vanier Library, and last year as well.

We don't know if this situation also exists at the other Concordia libraries — but it should be checked out.

Another thing that should be looked into is the amazingly petty arrogance and inaccessability of the "professional" librarians (not the people at the desk) when someone tries to register a complaint at Vanier — as if having to come out of their offices and mingle with grubby students were an imposition. Just one example of many: One of us once tried to register a complaint about a defective microfilm machine — a machine which, incidently, he had been operating for months. And the snarky response (after the staff member has initially refused to look at the machine) was that he should "take the time to read the instructions." And when the machine was eventually found to be on the fritz: "Oh, you students can break anything."

However, the main point of this letter is the curtailing of library time at Vanier.

We are supposed to have access to books. Access to books is what a library is for — we assume that even a Vanier librarian would agree with that point. But did we build what your article calls a "spanking new $9.2 million library" so we could admire the shiny exterior of the building from a far? What the hell did we spend $9.2 million for if we can't even use it during the "official" library hours?

Four extremely pissed off students

False and inaccurate

to the editors,

The Concordia Coalition of Commerce Associations announced last week that it would be holding a referendum to accredit an independant commerce association to represent commerce students' interests at Concordia. Within that time, there have been numerous questions raised and false or inaccurate statements made. The coalition would like to clear these questions and correct these statements.

In the article that appeared in the January 24 edition of *the Link*, the statements that were attributed to CUSA co-president Andrew Madsen must be corrected. Mr. Madsen stated that CUSA has tried to work with CASA this year, but that CASA has been acting in "bad faith." This is false and inaccurate. CASA has bent over backwards to work within CUSA's framework. During negotiations between CASA and CUSA during the summer, CASA and CUSA co-president Nick Woollard actually came to an agreement. However, upon Andrew Madsen's return from vacation, CUSA backtracked on everything that was agreed upon. Therefore, if there was any bad faith, it was on Mr. Madsen's part, not on CASA's.

As for Mr. Madsen's allegation that we dropped out of the CUSA reform committee, our position was clearly stated to the reform committee. We put forward our proposals to the committee and to our knowledge, very little or none of them were discussed by the committee. Mr. Madsen alleges that there will be major changes in CUSA and that we are being shortsighted by holding this vote. How can we be shortsighted by holding a vote and letting students decide?

Furthermore, the CUSA reform committee has not even issued an interim report to the CUSA board of directors. Therefore, even the governing body of CUSA does not know what this reform committee is doing. Commerce has waited one year for changes in CUSA. How much longer must we wait before any action is taken or even proposed?

Mr. Madsen further states that commerce students are well represented by CUSA. How can we be well represented by CUSA when we only have one commerce student sitting on the university senate when we should have at least two? It is also worthy to note that CUSA did not finish appointing students to senate until December. Therefore, we have yet to have all our student representatives in attendance at a senate meeting this year. Is this good representation?

Some of you may be asking yourselves why CUSA is not adequately addressing commerce students' needs. The reason is that under their present structure, they cannot. All powers are vested in the hands of the co-presidents in lieu of the CUSA board of directors. Two people cannot truly be expected to fulfill the needs of the arts and science, fine arts, commerce, and engineering students. The obvious answer is to decentralize decision making authority and delegate to others. This has not happened. Co-president after co-president has been reluctant to delegate decision making authority.

The creation of an independant commerce association would force CUSA to become more efficient as well as decentralizing because a yes vote would tell CUSA that decision making power should not be held in the hands of two people. CUSA services would still be open to all and the new commerce association would add new services.

In the end, the commerce associations have negociated, proposed and discussed reforms to the system for over a year. Now, it is time for us to decide. With the upcoming CUSA elections any reforms or discussions held now would not take effect for another year since the new CUSA co-presidents, board, and all students would have to study and vote on any reforms. The question really being asked is this: "Do commerce students want to arrange their own affairs?" If the answer is yes, then that is how they should vote on February 7-13.

Concordia Coalition of Commerce Associations

Adapting and growing

to the editors,

In the Jan. 26 issue of the commerce flyer "*the Communique*," CASA stated that they would be seeking independence from CUSA. The overall tone of this pamphlet was aggressive, accusatory, and misleading in its depiction of the relationship between CUSA and its affiliated student groups in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration.

CASA essentially accused CUSA of not being open to the changes necessary to keep CUSA the vibrant, responsible and responsive student association that it has been, is, and will continue to be. It is obvious that all organizations, especially political ones, must change with the times, adapt and grow with the people it represents; this is what CUSA has been doing since it was founded ten years ago and does every day.

Before CUSA existed there were four student groups at Concordia, a legacy of the merger of Loyola and Sir George Williams Universities which became Concordia in the mid-70's. There was confusion and inefficiency in the melding of the two institutions and this confusion existed at the student government level as well. By 1979, it became obvious to students that four small, separate disorganized and wasteful student groups would operate better as one united association which could speak for all students and could also co-ordinate the limited resources of Concordia students.

Now CASA wants to repeat history and the effectiveness of this school's student body is at stake. If we allow ourselves to become divided we will lose out in the long run. Our costs will rise, our co-ordination will crumble, and we'll be stomped upon by those who look down on students.

CUSA was created in recognition of these dangers and in a democratic, university-wide referendum CUSA received the mandate to represent everyone with a unique structure open to change and improvement. CUSA is more than willing to change, we have in the past, and we're not afraid to do it again.

Anyone can change CUSA through referendum. Anyone can run for the Board of Directors, the co-presidency, can apply for positions on the executive and generally be involved.

CASA claims that the reform process which CUSA has introduced this year is inadequate, that there have been no results, and that CUSA is not responsive to the needs of commerce students. Our response to this is that it is simply not true. Since the beginning of our mandate CUSA has been actively engaged in reform in the last semester and over the summer when we looked at the specific financial proposals ofcommerce representatives.

This year commerce groups received a budget twice what they received in '87-88 and this is because they were much more active and had more plans than they had in previous years. They received an amount equal to what commerce and administration students had contributed to the pool of money set aside for the operations of clubs and associations.

As part of the process of change, all faculty associations such as CASA were given the right and authority to govern the affairs of students within their faculty BACK IN THE EARLY '80's. Since that time, all faculty groups have been fully responsible for the appointment of departmental and faculty student representatives.

Commerce students have great influence at CUSA. This year they have filled all the seats on our board of directors and have been represented on the most important and busy committees of CUSA. If they had been excluded and out of the workings of CUSA we might understand their position, but in a year when they have been extremely active and influential at CUSA we cannot understand their motivations for leaving CUSA and weakening all of us.

Effective student government is a concern for all of us and if you believe in a solidarity of students then vote NO to commerce accreditation.

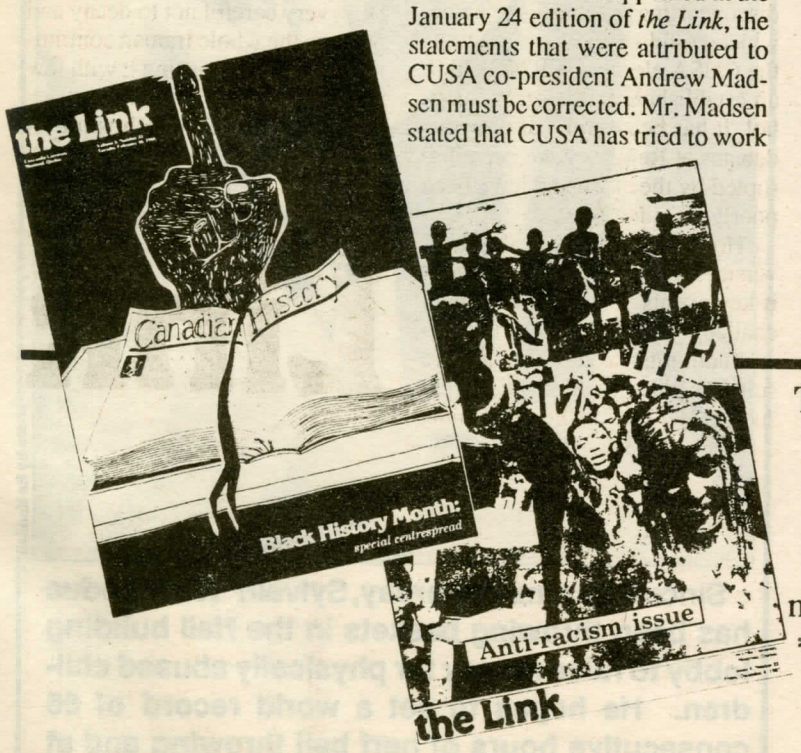
Andrew Madsen
Nick Woollard
CUSA co-presidents

No reform

to the editors,

I wish to clear up a mistake regarding Andrew Madsen's phrase, "We bent over backwards to patch things up by trying to work together on a CUSA reform committee," (*the Link*, Jan. 24).

Madsen, as well as his compatri-



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ots, have not made any successful effort to reform their association (namely CUSA). The CASA Board of Directors feel that CUSA is (and has been this way for several years) inefficient and unfair in their funds distribution. As mentioned in last week's issue of *the Link*, fine arts students receive 43% in direct funding while commerce students receive approximately 13%. As a member of the CASA board and a commerce student, I feel my student charge should go towards activities that benefit me. An accredited commerce association can more efficiently define and direct their goals. Commerce under CUSA means further misuse of funds and inadequate representation.

Barbara Vokal
Commerce

Investing in education

to the editors,

As a commerce student, I would like to address the issues surrounding the upcoming referendum.

I am a supporter of this referendum, for I would like to see more commerce oriented services which could only be organised through more funding. This leads me to my next point: Why are Concordia commerce students underfunded, and why are other commerce student associations given proportionately more money? I, as a business student, want to invest my dollars in my education.

As a student of this university, I question CUSA's credibility to govern, while throughout the years they have not been able to adequately represent us. I cannot recall in the past three years any support for commerce or any business related activity organised by CUSA.

I feel CUSA is governed by a selected few. For example, approximately 6% of Concordia student population voted for the present CUSA administration.

I strongly support the commerce referendum, for I cannot think of better managers than business students to govern their own association.

In conclusion, I feel commerce students have everything to gain, but under CUSA we will never find commerce identity, unity, money, and foremost, our dignity.

Rubina Salim
3rd year Marketing

Why separate?

to the editors,

The creation of an independant association in and of itself is not reason enough for commerce students to support such a separation. Before passing the power of decision making from one student association to another, commerce students need to know fully what matters affect them that CUSA is not addressing.

Further more, commerce students need to know if CUSA is not addressing these matters, why not?

Also, how is a separation going to allow this to come about?

How will CUSA be affected by this separation?

How will CUSA's services be affected by this separation?

There are a number of supposed benefits by separating from CUSA. (For example, a commerce computer centre, expansion of tutorial programs, starting a commerce oriented newspaper, a yearly business conference, a building fund, etc.) Some of these are ambitious and commendable ideas, but this tells me nothing. For instance, instead of starting a new commerce newspaper why can't one or more of the existing university newspapers be approached to see if there is any way that some of the space being allocated as a commerce section. Maybe, the *Communique* can be enlarged.

Starting a new newspaper and duplicating other services sounds like a waste of good money to me.

I can think of a lot more drawbacks to the proposals put forth by CASA president Derrick Ajmo. CUSA says they have a report coming out soon with proposed changes. Therefore, I object even more to how this was sprung on us like this to be voted on in two weeks without any discussion whatsoever.

Therefore, it is in the student's best interest for this issue to be addressed by both sides; those instigating the separation as well as CUSA.

Both sides should be allowed to respond to each specific point, one after another. This should be done through a university medium such as the *Communique*, and moreover, *the Link*, and *the Concordian* so as to provide students with a more indepth understanding of this issue and the differing points of view. More importantly, there should be an assembly for commerce students where they can ask the CASA president and a CUSA representative(s) questions.

Only through such a responsible and informative manner can commerce students be well prepared to make such an important decision that will affect them for years to come, as well as the rest of the university community.

Before casting our votes, commerce students deserve to be fully informed.

Gus Mitrou
Commerce

Defenseless child

to the editors,

The Link interviewed me recently about an incident that took place at Galerie Focus last year.

The article is fine and it gives a clear description of what happened. However, there is one passage that says: ...As the officer pushed his way in through the door, he knocked Castelijn's 22-month-old son, Celie, to the ground. She said she slapped the police officer when he grabbed her arms and pushed her. "I had become so upset with the cops because they had pushed the door open and made my baby fall to the floor that I slapped one of the cops..."

It is important to clarify that the police came in twice and the second time, after the slapping incident, they walked through the gallery to get a screwdriver in the back of the room when Celie was sitting on the floor and crying.

They ignored this situation like brutes. Could we not expect more friendliness from the police, especially towards a harmless little child that is defenseless?

Mirjam Castelijn

Students cheated

to the editors,

With great interest and much optimism, I attended the lecture of Mubarak Awad held at Concordia. Under the sponsorship of groups incuding *the Link* and the Political Science Student Association, *the Link* ad called Mr. Awad "Palestinian Ghandi." --Was there finally going to be an end to the brutal violence that has prevailed in the past? Was there going to be a man in the Palestinian camp who could promote peaceful and diplomatic means as oppossed to terrorism, and not be hacked to death as a collaborator (which is the fate suffered by non-extremist Arabs in Israel)?

This certainly seemed exciting to anyone interested in the Middle-East —finally they would respond to Israel's forty year challenge to talk peace. When the students left, though, they realized that they had been totally mislead and their intelligence insulted: Awad spoke not of non-violence but instead he "fully supports violence by the PLO" who only recently in Geneva have made Neville Chamberlain appear as though bargainer, judging by the tactics in the picture, such as cutting phone wires, not paying taxing, etc.

Concordia students, in fact, were also cheated in another way. While *theLink* ad mentioned no charge, some signs indicated in small print a suggested donation of $1.00. Not only were we forced to pay, we were forced to pay double as much. When I approached one of the toughs at the door I was brushed off and told "uh...uh...misprint, misprint."

All our money should be immideately returned, and in the future responsible sponsors should ensure that events do not become farces as this one most certainly became. If organisations are given approval by CUSA they should be monitored and made accountable for their actions.

Hillel Neuer
1st year
Political Science

Reggie's inappropriate

to the editors,

On Friday, January 27th, the cheif returning officer announced that the all candidates debate of the CUSA elections would be held at Reggie's on February the 8th. It is disconcerting that this debate, which could be the focal point of the CUSA election will be held in an establishment that serves alcohol. It has been said that previous debates at Reggies have been disrupted by the noise and have been poorly attended.

How can students at this University take their elections seriously if key events take place in pubs. I challenge the members of the current adminitsration to find a more suitable place to hold this event such as H-110 or in the mezzanine, then to promote it as an opportunity to meet the candidates and make what constitutes "the" decision about who will represent them and what actions that these representatives will take.

We seem to hear a lot about apathy in this University now is the time for us to see a little leadership ythat would inspire action th estudents.

Ken Huck
Science

Disappointed

to the editors,

I watched a program on T.V. a few weeks ago about th eIranian refugees who are involved in drug trafficking. I was surprised, embarassed, and mostly dissapointed. However, my dissapointment was from the role of the media for the way of disposing the quarrel over the involvement of the Iranians in the illegal drugs. I and many other students in this university beleive th emisconception and misperceptions of information that Canadian or anyother received from that program was not impartial. I don't deny that there are some Iranians who are involved in drugs, but the excoriate and the obliviate obtrusian of media to imbue that all Iranian are involved in drugs is impertinence.

Two days before this program I was on St. Denis streeet having supper with some friends. Before we got our car we were approached by five different, blatent, drug dealers; needless to say that none of them were Iranians. What was ironic about the situation was the presence of two police men who did not do anything to apprehend any of them.

What I don't understand is why the arrest of one Iranian is treated with huge attention while the arrest of another person from differenct ethnicity is considered as part of a statistic.

I have come to know a lot of Iranian people in this university, most of which are prominent, well-educated, and pre-eminent contributors to the Canadian society. I think some preparatory militate to deter those who are involved in drugs are neccessary; deportation, and tougher punishment are just some examples. However, we have to be very careful not to decay and damage the whole Iranian community by synonymousing it with few spurious ones.

Mehdi Khoshnevis
Political Science

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He also praised Bill 101 for giving a whole generation of Quebecers the confidence they needed to succeed in the world of business.

Bouthillier of Le Mouvemenet Pour Un Quebec Francais said the English media's treatment of Quebec nationalism and Bill 101 has been overly biased.

"English groups are referred to as 'rights groups' and French groups are labelled as 'nationalists', he said. "If you speak of nationalism on one side, then speak of nationalism on the other side as well."

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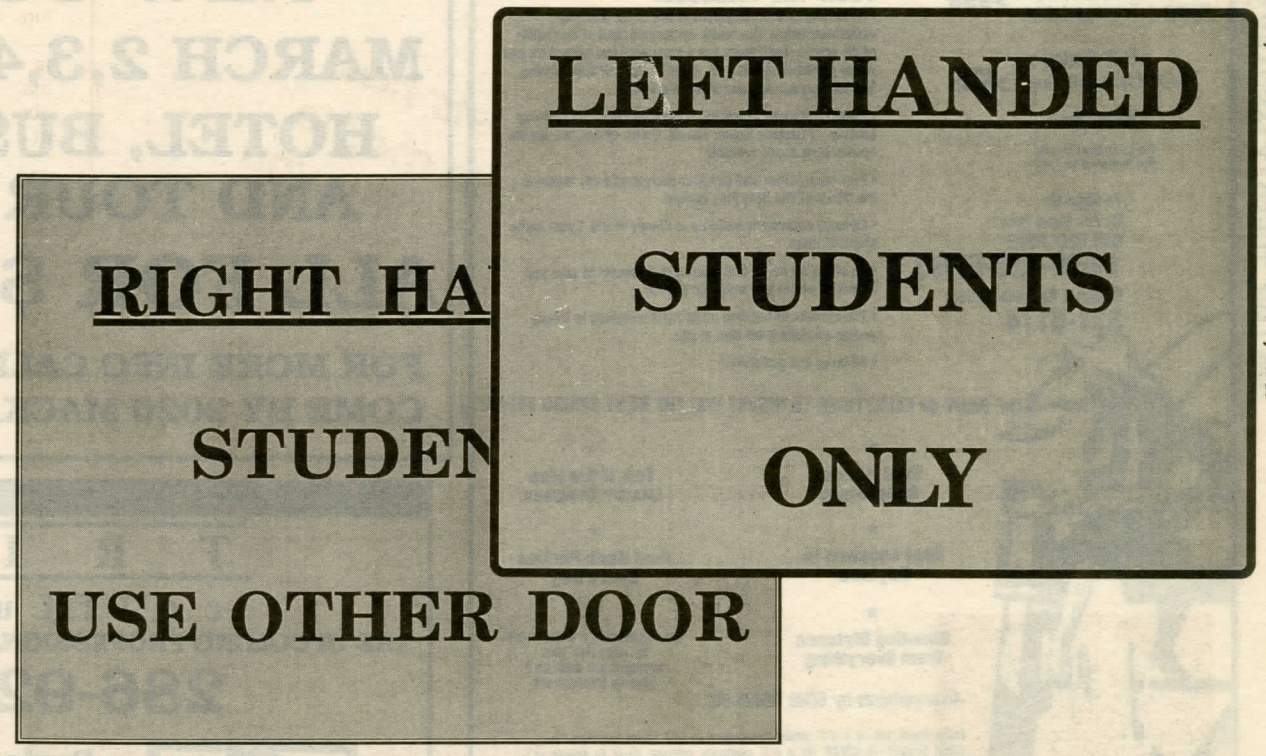
Living in South Africa



by Momin Kahn

Posters must have been seen all over campus, "Right Handed Students Sit Down, Right Handed Students Use Other Door, Left Handed Students Only."

Many must have said: "Disgusting, that's discrimination. Segregation. Utter nonsense."

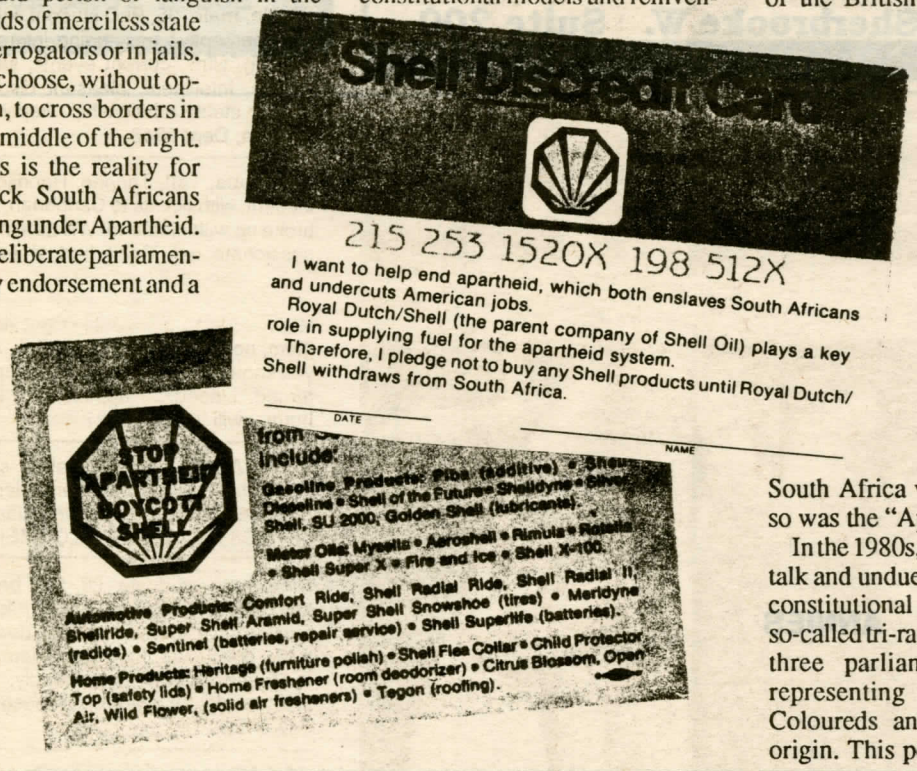
Some students may have drawn parallels to Nazism that caused the Holocaust or the Apartheid Regime of South Africa.

As coordinator of the Concordia Students Against Apartheid (CSAA), the purpose of the posters was to show the students, faculty and staff of Concordia University a little of what it is like to live in South Africa, where a minority regime dictates how the majority will live their lives.

People who join public demonstrations against such a policy in a country run by the police or a Fascist military regime, would see their graves in their teens. Others would perish or languish in the hands of merciless state interrogators or in jails. Or choose, without option, to cross borders in the middle of the night. This is the reality for Black South Africans living under Apartheid. A deliberate parliamentary endorsement and a visible mechanism that cuts humans into two distinct racial groups, and bases every law on the differences of their skin colour — a visual perception that enables one to differentiate otherwise identical lives as humans.

South Africa has been a topic of discussion ever since the formation of the United Nations, precisely because the policies propounded and implemented by the fascist, racist, terrorist and minority regimes in South Africa, are in direct conflict with the basic principles of the United Nations enshrined in its character and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Apartheid constitutes a crime against humanity and a very real and serious threat to world peace and security. Apartheid; an intricate invention, incomprehensible constitutional models and reinvention of South Africa's map in order to preserve menace of equal citizenship, barring Africans from the industrial operations and from the competition implicit in the forces of supply and demand.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A constitutional designation limiting partnership in the so-called national parliament to people of European descent, is an invention of the British colonists in 1908, when British-Dutch alliance aimed at crushing African resistance in the 1905 "Bambatha" rebellion, and subsequently established what is known today as the Republic of South Africa.

Followed by a bogus transfer to the Afrikaaner Nationalists, a minority, the Republic of South Africa was established and so was the "Apartheid Policy."

In the 1980s, there has been much talk and undue publicity about this constitutional plan to establish a so-called tri-racial government with three parliamentary chambers, representing Whites, so-called Coloureds and people of Asian origin. This political gimmick totally excludes the indigenous majority, and has been rejected by the Black people. In its place, they call for a non-racial and democratic constitution.

The establishment of Bantustans (reserves) constitutes the cornerstone of Apartheid policies. Internationally, the South African regime claims that it is granting "independence" to the African people in territories which historically belong to them.

A divide and rule tactic, used to create an atmosphere of black on black tribal, political and territorial conflicts. In the meantime, South Africa shuts its eyes and smiles, happy with the conflict among the Blacks.

South Africa's brutal police and army descends on Black anti-apartheid organizations and leaders of the exploitive schemes, to maintain tthe reservoirs of cheap labor for the mines and multi-national corporations.

Investors in South Africa reap super profits; profits there are said to be the highest in the world. But, the loss of human life is high, too!

I wish to comment on the role of the international community towards our struggle. News coverage of South Africa, in fact, has been distorted by the international news media.

And some people have turned the struggle for justice and peace, democracy and freedom into a lucrative enterprise. While claiming to be experts on Apartheid, these people visit several countries and put out an overwhelming amount of literature, a lot of it nonsense, which have by and large distorted the views of the international community. They have confused our intentions and desires for sanctions against South African. Economic sanction, the most effective way in which the international community could assist this noble cause.

If the international community is serious in its call for a relatively peaceful solution to the liberation struggle against Apartheid South Africa, then the option is to immediately impose comprehensive, mandatory military and economic sanctions.

It must not be duped by the apologists of the Pretoria regime, that such sanctions would hurt the oppressed most — for as I speak to you now, the oppressed are butchered by the military forces of South Africa. "What more suffering greater than death and imprisonment can there be for our people? What more suffering is greater than slavery?"

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Seeking an end to hazing

Fighting frat violence from the inside

By Michael O'Keeffe and J.M. Rubin

Chuck Stenzel was a student at Alfred University in New York State when he died in 1978 of alcohol poisoning. As part of a frat initiation rite, he had been locked in a car trunk and ordered to drink a pint of whiskey, wine and a six-pack of beer.

Ten years later, in early September 1988, Scott Phillips, a University of Texas student, died after he fell 45 metres from a bluff while being chased by two Delta Tau Delta brothers during an initiation incident.

In that same month at McGill, a woman at a Zeta Psi fraternity party was allegedly gang raped by three frat members while 10 others watched from the doorway.

When a Quebec Crown prosecutor ruled last November there wasn't enough evidence to lay charges in the McGill case, the Concordia Women's Collective said the decision completely ignored justice.

The women visited the office of Crown prosecutor Louise Villemuire with a 500-name petition and tried vainly to convince her to reverse the ruling. The prosecutor refused to see the women, who were later forced to leave the courthouse under a security guard escort.

Worried that students and the public were unaware of the dangers of some fraternity rituals, the Women's Collective and McGill's Women's Union have planned an awareness week for both universities on frat rites and rape on campus.

Their concern for the dangers of certain frat practices is shared by the presidents of 59 fraternities across North America, who voted at a conference last December to ask their organizations to review some of their rituals.

The concern is easily justified. From 1978 to 1988, 41 students have died in the United States during fraternity initiation rites.

Students who join a fraternity are known as "pledges" during a period in which they try proving their fitness to belong to the chapter. Before initiating them as full members, many frat chapters subject their pledges to arcane rituals — much of it harmless, but some of it degrading, dangerous and in some cases deadly.

Hoping to end frat intiation (or hazing) deaths and injuries, and afraid the rites might be banned from campuses, frat leaders say they are considering a radical reform: ending pledging.

In December, the national presidents of 59 fraternities voted to ask their organizations to study alternatives to pledging during the annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC), held in Burlingame, California.

The NIC, representing more than 400,000 students on 809 campuses in Canada and in the United States, cannot pass binding resolutions. But it does carry great weight because it reflects the consensus of the fraternities, Executive Director Jonathan Brent says.

One alternative to hazing would be to ask students to become full members immediately after a brief time, skipping the traditional pledge period.

"Despite our best efforts, the hazing and the death continue," says Drury G. Bagwell, president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and assistant vice-president for student affairs at the University of Maryland. "Our survival is at stake. If we can't eliminate pledging, colleges and universities will eliminate it for us."

Hazing occurs each year at Concordia frats and sports teams. For example, women joining the Stingers soccer team have in the past eaten jellybeans out of mens' crotches as part of the initiation rite.

Associate director of athletics, Kathy MacDonald says hazing is meant to instill trust in team members but concedes certain hazing practices go too far.

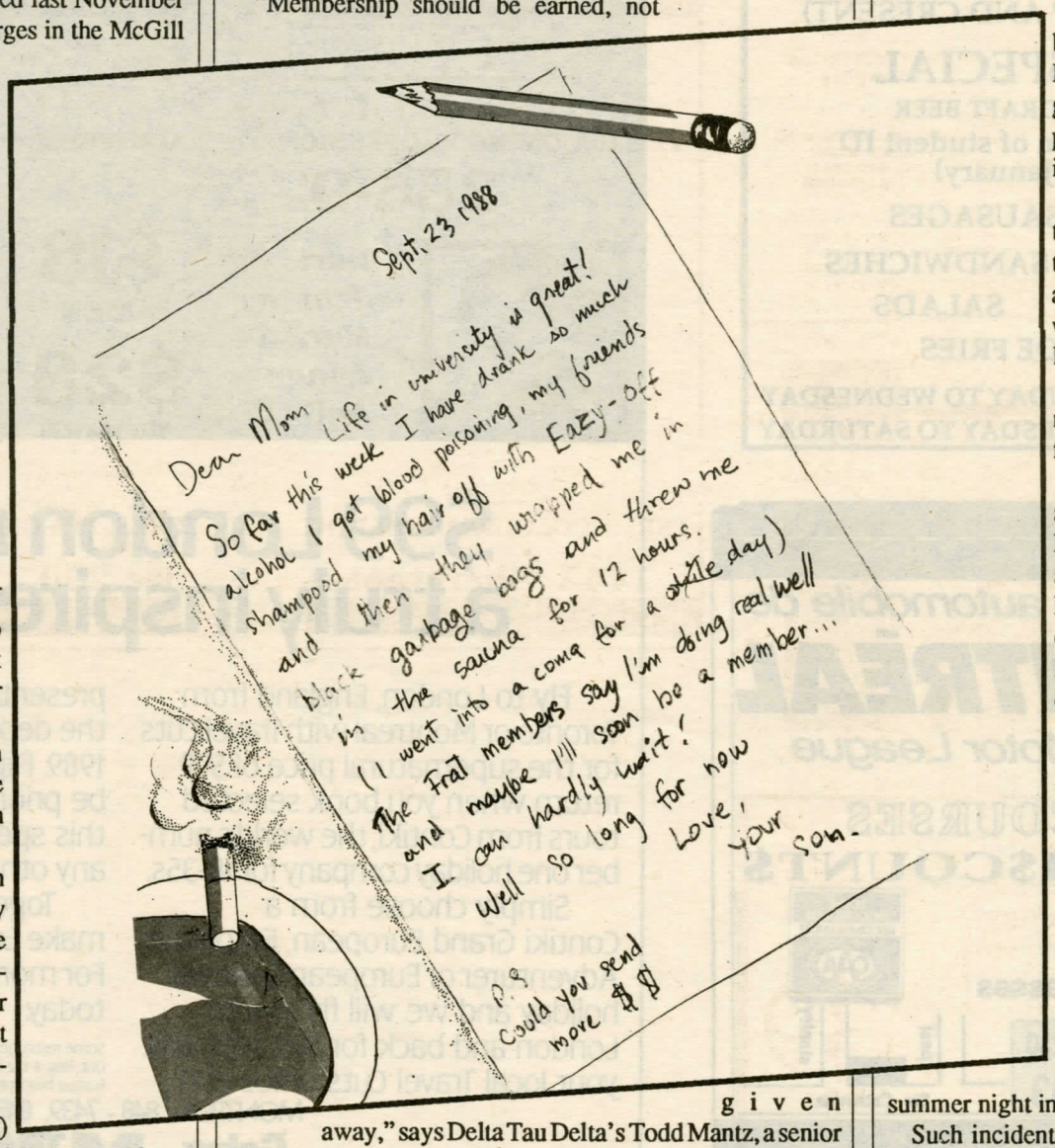
Dean of students, Brian Counihan, says Concordia's code of conduct board has not heard a hazing complaint in the last "five or 10 years."

But complaints in the U.S. are increasing.

"The public is fed up with us and universities are fed up with us," says Dwayne Woerpel, a national officer of Tau Kappa Epsilon. While the national frat presidents — all of whom are no longer students — call for reform, active fraternity members disagree.

"Membership should be earned, not given away," says Delta Tau Delta's Todd Mantz, a senior at Kansas State University. Hazing should be abolished but otherwise the present system is "okay," he says.

"Some chapters have problems with the traditional role of pledges but it's no problem if it's used the right way," says Randall Stevens, president of the University of Kentucky's Phi Kappa Psi.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A University of Delaware student suffered burns when Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers poured oven cleaner over his head

"Pledging at PKP is a learning process. Pledges learn about their brothers and about participating in the group. Everything is positive."

Hazing incidents are nonetheless reported regularly. Seven months before Scott Phillips fell to his death in Texas, a first-year student at Rutgers University, in New Jersey, died of alcohol poisoning after a "drink 'til you're sick" pledging ceremony at the school's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Charges were filed against 15 Rutgers students following 18-year-old James Callahan's death and the local Lambda Chi Alpha chapter was closed.

Another University of Texas pledge, Mark Seeburger, died in his sleep in 1986 after Phi Kappa Psi brothers forced him to down more than half a bottle of rum during an initiation rite.

Other pledging incidents have included assaults, destructive parties and racial insults.

In June, six University of Tennessee Kappa Alpha Psi brothers were charged with assault in June after beating a pledge with a paddle during an induction ceremony.

In a similar case at North Carolina A&T University, a former student was charged for assault after beating a pledge in the face with a two-by-four.

While Canadian fraternities have rarely been involved in similar controversies, McGill University's Zeta Psi was investigated by the university and by Montreal police for a sexual assault incident at a party in September.

After Crown prosecutor Villemuire ruled there wasn't enough evidence to lay charges, the McGill student who says she was raped at the party by three fraternity members while she was drunk, hired a lawyer and has launched a civil suit.

In contrast, in the U.S., courts, governments and universities have taken turns fighting pledging traditions.

On Oct. 30, a Maryland Superior Court awarded $30,000 in damages to Jeffrey Furek, a former University of Delaware student, for burns he suffered when Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers poured oven cleaner over his head in 1980. In its ruling, the jury held the school responsible for failing to enforce the state's anti-hazing law.

In addition to Maryland, 27 other states, including Texas, Missouri, Virginia and Pennsylvania, have enacted anti-hazing legislations. Several schools, including Colby, Amherst, Gettysburg, Middlebury and Castleton State colleges have banned fraternities and sororities from their campuses.

In July, the University of Lowell in Massachusetts abolished the frat system when a pledge went into a coma after being fastened into a sleeping bag and locked for a summer night in an attic with the furnace turned up.

Such incidents, which unfolded after years of efforts to stop hazing, left many NIC delegates in Burlingame convinced that only radical reform could stop more schools from dismantling their fraternity systems.

"Pledging has become synonymous with hazing," Tau Kappa Epsilon's Woerpel says. "Our environment is moving against us. If we don't move soon, we will die like the dinosaurs who could not adapt. This is no time to wait and see what happens."

Some are trying. Zeta Beta Tau already has ordered its chapters to eliminate pledging. Fraternities at Tulane University in New Orleans are considering abolishing the pledge process. The Delta Upsilon chapter at the University of Colorado has announced it will set aside its hazing activities.

At McGill's Zeta Psi — the university's oldest fraternity — two students, Robert Wexler and Marcus Knill were suspended from the organization after the alleged gang rape. One Concordia student, David Moffat (a Zeta Psi almunus), was also suspended.

The NIC's Brant maintains fraternities can live without pledging or other potentially dangerous rituals.

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Scènes de la vie de bohème

Diana Soviero et Péter Kelen dans *La Bohème* de Puccini.

par Élie Castiel

En exergue dans l'un des communiqués de presse de *La Bohème*, il est inscrit que "Puccini a toujours affirmé sa sympathie pour *les petites femmes qui ne savent qu'aimer et souffrir.*" Cette assertion est confirmée dans *Madame Butterfly*, et dans un certain sens, mais moins visiblement, dans *La Tosca* et dans Manon Lescaut.

Vu d'un angle "contemporain", presque cent ans après sa création, *La Bohème* suscite encore un intérêt musical toujours croissant. À ce propos, il est intéressant de noter que depuis déjà quelque temps, de nombreux cinéastes utilisent les airs d'opéra ou simplement la musique d'opéra pour amplifier leur propos.

L'affirmation de Puccini peut laisser sceptique le spectateur d'aujourd'hui, il n'en demeure pas moins que l'oeuvre au point de vue musical demeure un classique du genre.

La version 89lOdM (Opéra de Montréal) est honnête, précise, sans ambages, tout à fait fonctionnelle, parfois même émouvante. Le récit est simple: à la veille de Noël, vers 1830 à Paris, quatre amis sans le sou arrivent tout de même à passer le réveillon grâce au peu d'argent que l'un d'eux a gagné par hasard. Ils décident d'aller fêter dans les rues de Paris, mais avant de se joindre aux autres, Rodolfo fait la connaissance de Mimi, une voisine, et en tombe amoureux. Suit une histoire d'amour qui se terminera par la mort de Mimi.

Elle meurt en silence, sous le regard attendri et bouleversé de ses amis. De quoi classifier cet opéra de mélodrame musical, mais tel n'est le cas. *La Bohème* est une oeuvre fortifiante et sans aucune sophistication, son intrigue est claire et le sujet émouvant.

Si la voix de Péter Kelen (Rodolfo) ne se faisait pas entendre très clairement au premier acte, elle s'affirme plus puissante par la suite. Côté interprétation, à l'avenant. Gaétan Laperrière (Marcello) possède des cordes vocales vigoureuses et forme avec Lyse Guérin (Musetta), un couple tout à fait pittoresque; dans le chant, Guérin s'exprime avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme et de subtitlité.

Il y a aussi les autres, Grégoire Legendre (Schaunard), Claude Corbeil (Colline) et l'ensemble choral. Leur participation n'est peut-être pas éclatante, mais s'harmonise aux rôles de premier plan. Sans oublier Diana Soviero, une Mimi d'une intensité dramatique assez remarquée et au timbre clair et radieux.

On ne peut en dire autant des décors de Claude Girard. Le "Café Momus" est trop chargé et la "mansarde" trop bruyante; la "barrière d'enfer" est sans aucun doute le plus fonctionnel des trois.. Sur les costumes et les éclairages, rien à ajouter.

L'Opéra de Montréal affiche *La Bohème* comme "l'opéra le plus populaire au monde"; ce qui n'est peut-être pas le cas. N'empêche qu'il fait battre momentanément certaines de nos cordes les plus sensibles.

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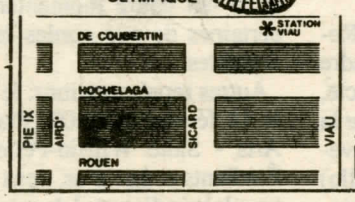

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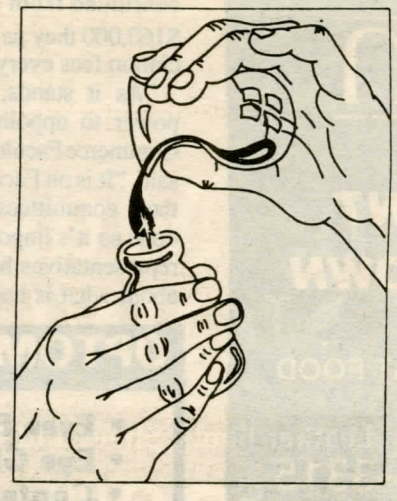

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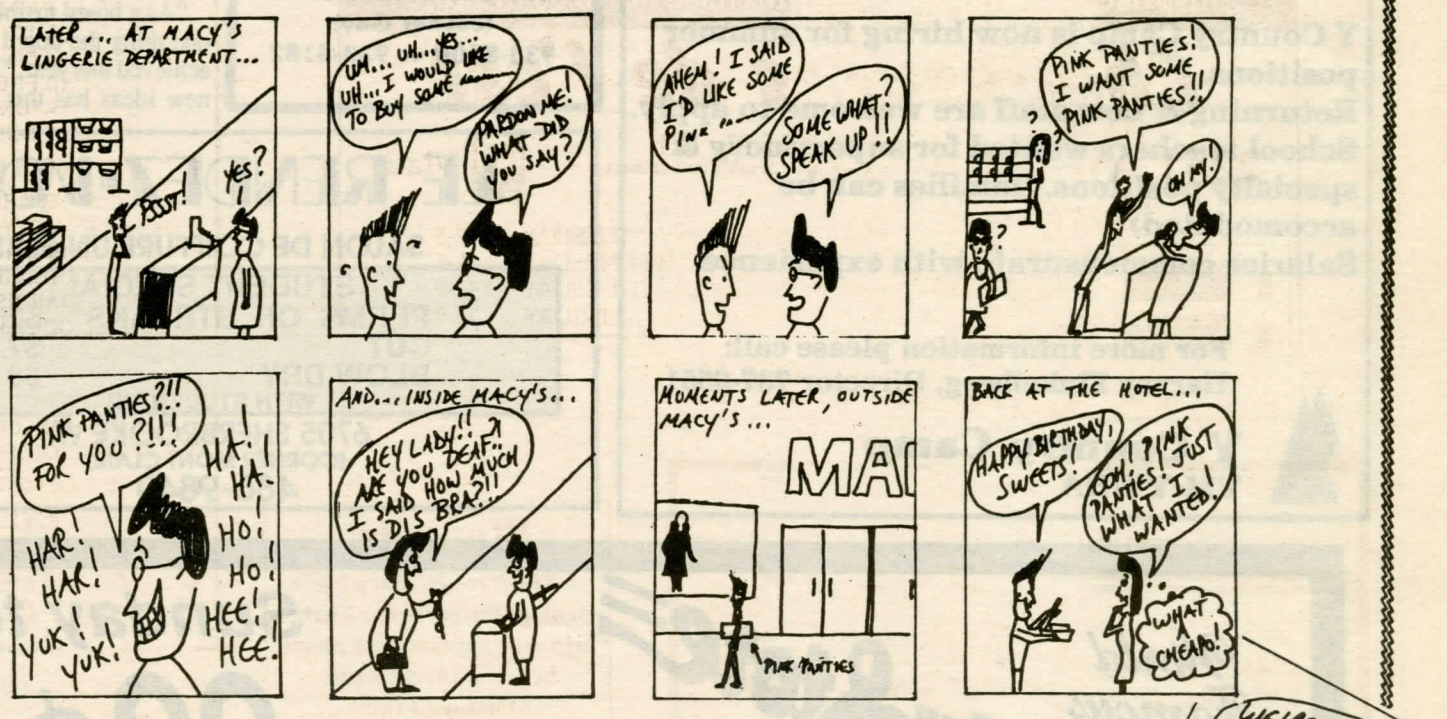
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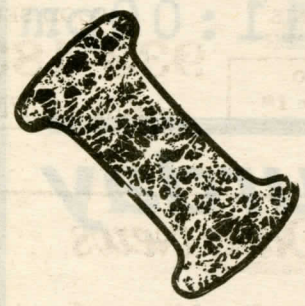

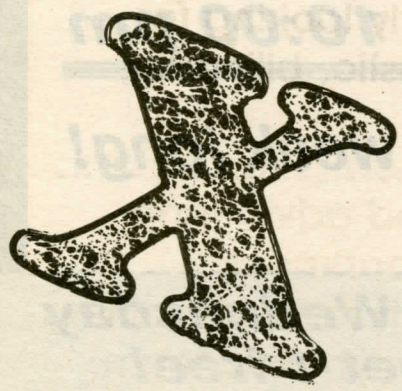

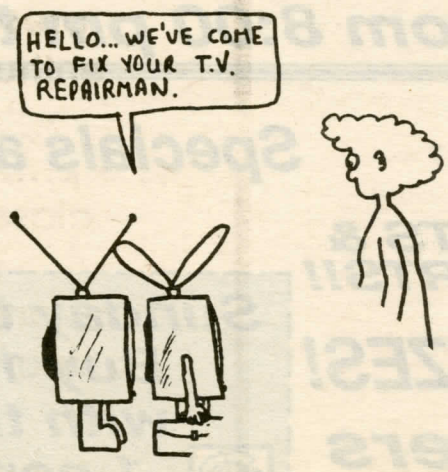

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$160,000 they pay in student association fees every year.

"As it stands, CUSA has the power to appoint anyone to the Commerce Faculty Council," Ajmo said. "It is on Faculty Councils and their committees that work gets done so it's important that student representatives be knowledgeable about what is happening" in their department.

He said commerce students want the power to appoint their student representatives to the council, although Madsen said that CASA has had this power "for the past few years."

Ajmo cited low voter turn-out in CUSA elections and the fact that in next month's general election 20 of 28 seats of the board will be filled by acclamation (the rest will remain vacant) as signs that students feel the association doesn't represent their interests.

"How can (the co-presidents) say they represent students when only 400 or 500 students voted last year," he said. "Two hundred students spoiled their ballots."

"Too much power rests in the hands of the co-presidents," he said. "It is in CUSA's interest to decentralize its power, but not in the interests of the co-presidents."

"As a board member, I can't see one thing the board or CUSA has achieved this year," he said. "What new ideas has this year's CUSA come up with?"

If commerce students decide to separate during the referendum next week, CASA would become the second faculty association to secede from CUSA.

In 1984, students from the Engineering and Computer Science Students Association voted to form an autonomous student association. Under the provincial law that regulates the accreditation and funding of post-secondary student associations, Bill 32, faculty associations have the legal right to separate and collect a student levy.

Last January students from the Fine Arts faculty threatened to pull out of CUSA to gain more control over its policies and finances, but never followed through with a referendum.

At least 25 per cent of CASA members (approximately 1,500 students) would have to approve of the split (with fewer voting against), before CASA can ask the government for accreditation as an independent association.

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Laval squeaks by Stingers

Another heartbreaker

by Keith Mills

The women's basketball team lost its second consecutive heartbreaker Sunday afternoon against Laval, 51-49.

The teams established a good pace at the outset, but during the remainder of the half both teams were scoring in spurts. Both teams seemed to rely on the half court game as the second period drew near. The Stingers went to the half down by 4, 26-22.

The Stingers came out in the second half hoping to bring a halt to the goose egg (big zero) that's been following them around for awhile. Unfortunately in the early going they didn't do anything about it. Laval scored the first eight points of the half to go up by 12.

That would be enough to put most winless teams away, but after a timeout, the Stingers regrouped and got back into the game.

The Stingers turned their game up a notch by playing better defensively. Although they were outrebounded in the game 28-26, the play of Carole McIntyre was a shot in the arm for the team.

She led all players with 10 rebounds, and keyed a second half rally by the Stingers. The trio of McIntyre, Sharron St. Croix, and Suzie Czelnai was more evident in the second half.

Defensively they pulled down rebounds and got the fast break going and on the offensive boards, they created second and third opportunities.

Although the Stingers drew close at times, Laval kept answering baskets of their own. Leading Laval in scoring was Sonia Ritchie and Nathalie Caron with 16 and nine points respectively. The Rouge et Or relied on these two heavily down the stretch.

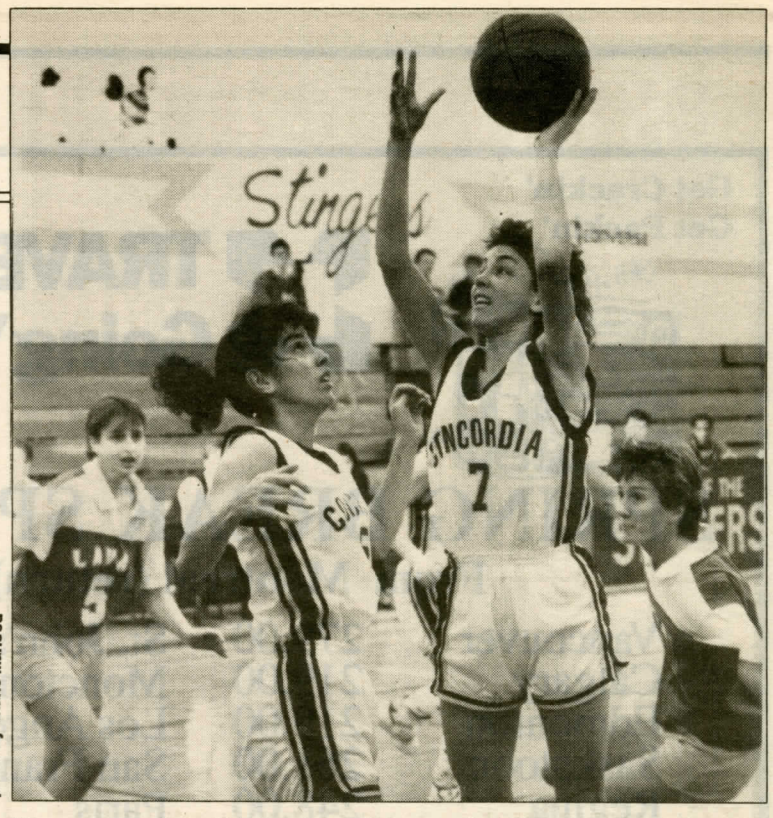
The Stingers were still down by six points with about two minutes to go. Using a swarming defense, once again the Stingers got close, capitalizing on two turnovers which enabled them to draw within two of the Rouge et Or.

Laval which at times appeared in total control, had troubles in the late going trying to contend with the Stingers' full court press.

With under a minute to go Laval was hanging on to a two point lead. The Stingers forced a turnover, Anne Marie Ouellet recovered the ball, and was fouled in the process. Ouellet, who would finish with 10 points for the game, sank both shots to tie it up 49-49 with 44 seconds to go, but as was the case last Sunday the Stingers lost in the dying seconds.

Free throw shots killed them last week with six seconds left. In this game the same would hold true as Laval's Ritchie sank two free throws and sent the Stingers to yet another defeat 51-49.

The Stingers will be action over the weekend. They play McGill on Friday, and will have another shot at Laval on Sunday at the Loyola Complex.



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These two points didn't help as Stingers fall short by two to Laval.

Favourite Wildcats sweep tourney

by Shane Mahood

The Lady Stingers were taking their 9-0 record into this year's Theresa Humes Invitational Hockey Tournament. With a record like that, one would have figured the Stingers would be pretournament favourites.

Not this year. The tournament belonged to the University of New Hampshire Wildcats and their sharp-shooting star Andrea Hunter. They were favoured to win and made no mistakes in doing so.

Concordia managed to meet this powerhouse in the second round of the tournament by hanging on to beat the St. Lawrence Saints 3-2. The Stingers ended the game shorthanded, and if it wasn't for the play of goaltender Sue Prosser they wouldn't have advanced.

Against the Wildcats, the Stingers were out-classed, out-shot, outscored and spent most of the time clearing the puck in desperation from their own zone. Prosser turned around to pick out nine of the 24 shots in her own net while Concordia managed only two shots out of 13 past the steady Laura Stilles.

Therese Brisson, who received tournament all-star honours, and Debbie Woods Turner got the two goals for Concordia.

New Hampshire spent most of the third period within the Concordia blueline, at one point pinning the Stingers for almost five minutes straight.

A few times one could hear Prosser yelling at her teamates, "ice it, get it out of here" in desperation. The frustration was obvious as the Stingers' attempt to keep the game close failed.

Wildcats' Hunter dominated the game and pulled off a move on a one on two that would make any hockey fan jump out of his or her seat. Hunter took a pass from center ice and was on her own against the two defenders, she slipped the puck by with some fancy stickhandling and finished the move with one of her goals for the game.

Moves like this and her outstanding puck control accompanied by seven goals in three games landed Hunter, a native of Peterborough, Ontario, the MVP title for the tournament.

Game three's performance against the John Abbott Islanders came too late for Concordia. This game was to determine third place in the tournament.

The Stingers looked sharp, like the first place team they are in the QUAA. Nathalie Hains had three goals and one assist to lead Concordia, Laura Leslie helped with six assists and Brisson had two goals and an assist to round out the top point geters for the Stingers.

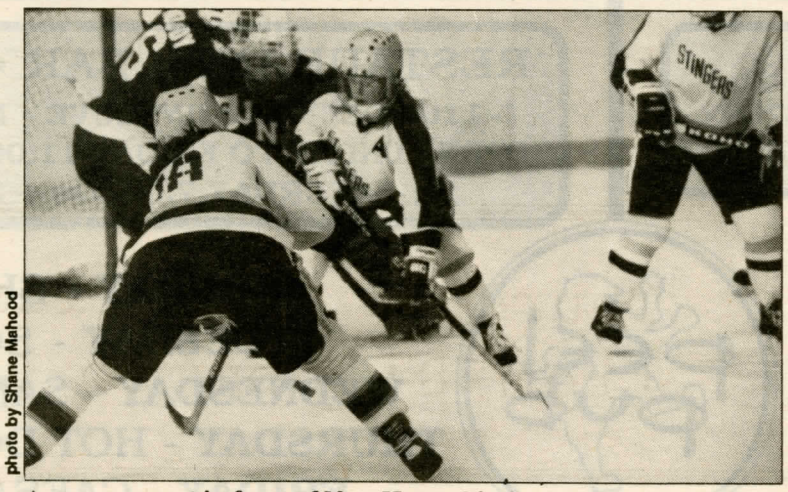
Concordia pounded the Islander net-minder with 35 shots while Prosser only faced nine to keep the score an embarrasing 11-1 and give the Stingers third place. Turn around, but not in time.

The Providence Lady Friars proved to be the only competition for New Hampshire but the Wildcats ended up as the winning team.

The Friars had the NCAA champions down 3-1 midway through the third period but could not seal the game as New Hampshire came back to force the game into sudden death overtime.

Could there have been a better way to end what had been some of the best womens hockey played? Providence might think so, as they went on to loose by a goal by none other than New Hampshire's Hunter.

The Wildcats would be this year's winners of the Humes Invitational.



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A rare moment in front of New Hampshire's net.

Women drop, men tops during weekend in Rimouski

by Shane Mahood

The women's ski team dropped into second plaee last weekend in Rimouski in the second leg of the Circuit Universaire de Ski.

The men, however, managed to stay on top with the help of Mark Scheib, who finished sixth in Saturday's slalom race and fourth in Sunday's.

"Scheib's confidence has returned and he is much improved from last weekend's race," according to Robert Seguin, captain of the team.

Seguin remained consistent, finishing third and first respectivly. The men have moved even further ahead of second place UQAM, and the performance of these two racers well need to continue if they hope to stay in front.

The problem for the women at this point if they are to regain first place from McGill, according to Seguin is that "the girls have to finish their race not enough are so they have slipped behind McGill."

The women's team already relies on Rosanne Gamache, who finished first in both days races, and Renata Scheib, who finished second in both. Look for second year members, Leslie Clement and Pascal Savard to move into the top ten. The team remains on top overall and will take this lead to Quebec City Feb. 11.

Men pucksters return after split in TO

The men's hockey team returned from Toronto with a two game split to remain unchanged in the OUAA standings.

The Stingers lost a close one to York in the final 26 seconds of overtime. The Yeomen were pinned most of five minute period in their own zone but managed to break free and spoil a Stinger comeback. Concordia was down 4-2 in the third period but rallied to tie and force the game into overtime.

In Saturdays game versus the University of Toronto Richard Laplante salvaged the weekend by scoring in overtime to give Concordia the win. Once again the Stingers had to come back from a 4-2 deficit to tie the game. The only difference this time was a notch in the win column as Concordia defeated the Blue's by a score of 5-4.

Shane Mahood

Solid weekend for men's hoopsters

The mens basketball team was on the road over the weekend and came up with two solid efforts against the Carleton Ravens and the Ottawa Gee Gees.

Saturday the Stingers took on the Ravens. If the old adage is true that revenge is sweet, then the Stingers wanted this one, bad. The Stingers lost two weeks ago to the Ravens in a game they played without any poise.

Playing like the championship team they are obviously capable of being, the Stingers went on to beat the Ravens 100-87.

In Sunday's game versus the Gee Gees, the Stingers played hard once again, and came away with a 92-86 victory to keep them tied for first place with McGill.

Concordia also has two games in hand over McGill. Next home game is Sunday against Ryerson at 3pm.

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